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TITLE OF INVENTION: MINIMUM BAYES ERROR FEATURE SELECTION IN SPEECH RECOGNITION

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	09/699,894	PADMANABHAN ET AL.	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/27/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,5,7,10,11,13,14,17 and 18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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/ QI HAN/
Examiner, Art Unit 2626

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is responsive to the applicant's amendment filed on 08/27/2008. The applicant(s) amended claims 1, 7 and 13, and cancelled claims 6 and 12 (see the amendment: pages 2-7; also see Examiner's amendment below).

The examiner withdrew the previous claim rejection under 35 USC 101, because the applicant amended the corresponding claim(s).

The examiner withdrew the previous claim rejection under 35 USC 112.1 and 112.2, because the applicant amended, cancelled and/or clarified (by the argument) the corresponding claim(s).

The examiner withdrew the previous claim rejection under 35 USC 103, because the applicant amended the corresponding claim(s) and made persuasive argument (see Remarks: page 15, paragraph 2 to page 16, paragraph 1), which overcame the previous prior art rejection and provided considerable reason for allowance (also see the examiner's statement for allowance below).

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the applicant's representative, Stanley Ference (33,879), on 12/12/2008. The Examiner's Amendment is as following:

In the claims (refer to the amendment filed on 08/27/2008):

Claim 1, line 3 of the claim, after "inputting a speech pattern", insert --into a pattern recognition apparatus--;

line 23 of the claim (line 8 of page 3 of the amendment), after "wherein the objective function is initialized with an LDA", insert -- (linear discriminant analysis)--;

lines 24 of the claim (line 9 of page 3 of the amendment), after "transforming all the records", insert --x--;

lines 25 of the claim (line 10 of page 3 of the amendment), after "to produce the at least one final feature", insert --, where θ is the LDA matrix--.

Claim 7, line 24 of the claim (line 5 page 5 of the amendment), after "wherein the objective function is initialized with an LDA", insert -- (linear discriminant analysis)--;

lines 25 of the claim (line 6 of page 5 of the amendment), after "transform all the records", insert --x--;

lines 26 of the claim (line 7 of page 5 of the amendment), after "to produce final feature", insert --, where θ is the LDA matrix--.

Claim 13, line 25 of the claim (line 5 of page 7 of the amendment), after "wherein the objective function is initialized with an LDA", insert -- (linear discriminant analysis)--;

lines 26 of the claim (line 6 of page 7 of the amendment), after "transforming all the records", insert --x--;

lines 27 of the claim (line 7 of page 7 of the amendment), after “produce the at least one final feature”, insert --, where θ is the LDA matrix--.

-----End of Examiner's Amendment-----

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 10-11, 13-14 and 17-18 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent **claims 1, 7 and 13**, the instant application is directed to a data relaying device that receives data over a wired network and sends the data over a wireless network. The independent claims, combining some well known features in the art, respectively identifies the uniquely distinct features of:

providing minimum Bayes error feature selection via transforming the input pattern to provide a set of at features for a classifier which classifies into classes, wherein there is only one feature space transformation for all classes;

said transforming step comprising the step of directly minimizing the probability of subsequent misclassification in a projected space of at least one feature; said direct minimizing step comprising:

performing a full-covariance gaussian clustering of input records for every class;

developing an objective function (referred and limited to the definition in the specification: page 10, equation 7, including all variables) by way of means, covariances and priors, wherein said objective function either:

maximizes an average pairwise divergence and relates it to Bayes error; or

directly minimizes an upper bound on Bayes error;

optimizing the objective function through gradient decent, wherein all dimensions of a matrix are optimized via optimizing the objective function;

wherein the optimizing is carried out over all possible matrices;

and

wherein the objective function is initialized with an LDA (linear discriminant analysis) matrix;

upon convergence of the optimization, transforming all the records x into $y = \theta x$ to produce the at least one final feature, where θ is the LDA matrix.

The prior art of record, Watanabe et al. (US 5,754,681 A) and Decell et al. (IDS: "An iterative approach to the feature selection problem, Machine Processing of remote sensing data, 1972), provided numerous teachings and techniques of signal pattern recognition including speech recognition, performing feature extraction that transforms input signal pattern (including speech) containing a high-dimension observed values into a feature value, or low-dimension

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information and classification using discriminant function that uses Bayes method to minimize the loss or the recognition error probability, providing gradient method with objective function and minimization of recognition error probability through a measure representing the correctness or incorrectness of classification decision, using misclassification measure with maximum discriminate function decision rule and minimum discriminate function decision rule; performing the transformation $y=Bx'$ such that n-dimensional classification problem transformed into a k-dimensional problem and the minimal probability of misclassification resulting from applying a maximum likelihood classification procedure defining the average divergence for m classes and B-average divergence by using transformation $y=Bx$ for all distinct class pairs, and analytically computing a bound on the probability of misclassification and considering a distinct linear discriminate function (i.e. LDA). However, the combined features stated above, are not anticipated by, nor made obvious over the prior art of the record.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (571)-272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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December 15, 2008

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